1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(B)	UNION TERRITORIES						
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	57	109	243	1	—	410
27.	Chandigarh	72	20	1018	—	—	1110
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	3	40	—	—	44
29.	Delhi	668	495	6352	—		7515
30.	Daman & Diu	1	2	116	—	—	119
31.	Lakshadweep	10	12	63	2	1	88
32.	Pondicherry	112	104	1212	—	—	1428
	TOTAL:	29392	28120	425549	580	1553	485194

Note: * No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.
— NIL

Violation of Labour Laws by Transport Companies

3905. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transport companies attached with the Mother Dairy's (F&V) Plant, Mangolpuri, New Delhi are grossly violating the labour laws and neither paying wages as per rules not depositing any contributions with the EPF towards drivers and helpers appointed by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would conduct through probe into the labour violation by the said transport companies; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) As per information gathered from the Fruit & Vegetable Unit of Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Ltd., the transporter engaged for providing the services in the nature of transporting various Fruit & Vegetable and other related items from unit to its retail outlets in and around Delhi are paid on per trip

basis. These Transporters are independent, distinct and separate entities and operate their business in an independent manner to various customs including the Fruit & Vegetable Unit of Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Ltd. The drivers & conductors appointed by these transporters are not exclusively working as contractor labour for the said unit.

The issue of non extension of Provident Fund benefits to the employees of transport companies attached with the Mother Dairy (F&V) Plant, Mangolpuri came to the notice of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation and accordingly an inquiry under Section 7A of the Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 was initiated for determination of dues. The employer was directed to remit an amount of Rs. 1,86,291/- for the period June, 1996 to July, 1997. The said order under Section 7A was subsequently set aside by the Employees' Provident Fund Appellate Tribunal. Employees Provident Fund Organisation filed a writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. The matter is sub-judice.

Female workers in Fish Processing Units

3906. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women/adolescent girls working in Fish Processing Units in the country;

(b) whether most of these women/girls work at night and if so, how safety is ensured for them particularly against sexual harassment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to peeling prawns, crabs with bare fingers in saline water, for hours together, they develop eczema, their fingers bleed etc; and

(d) if so, in what manner minimum safety is ensured for these women against work hazard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) According to recent reports,